

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

Scheduled: 9:00 AM  
Started: 10:31 AM  
Ended: 10:44 AM

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

HONORABLE GUSTAVO A. GELPI, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sonia Cristina Cardona

DATE: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

COURT REPORTER: Evilys Carrion

**CASE #: CR-16-218 (GAG)**

---

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**ATTORNEYS:**

AUSA Max Perez-Bouret

VS.

[1] ALFREDO UMPIERRE-SANTIAGO;  
[2] LUIS ANGEL GUERRIDO-MEDINA;

[3] JUAN ROSARIO-MARRERO;  
[4] STEVEN TAPIA-MORALES;  
[5] ELVIN MORALES-RAMIREZ;  
[6] OBRYAN HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ;  
[7] LUIS COTTO-RIVERA;  
[8] IVAN MARTINEZ-TORRES;  
[9] ENRIQUE PEREZ-RIVERA;  
[10] DAVID VARGAS-SANTIAGO;  
[11] JAHN FERMIN-CORTES;  
[12] CARLOS JIMENEZ-FELIZ;  
[13] JOSE REYES-NEVAREZ;  
[14] GABRIEL VELEZ;  
[15] YARELIS GARCIA-RUIZ;  
[16] JAVIER ORTIZ-NIEVES;

[17] STEPHANIE HERRERA-MONTANEZ;  
[18] KARINA ALAMO-MARRERO;  
[19] YEISHA PEDRAZA-SANTIAGO;  
[20] JIMMY MOLINA-OTERO;  
[21] EDMANUEL LAUREANO;  
[23] JOSUE DIAZ-TIRADO;  
[24] EMILINE BAEZ-AYALA.

Rafael Castro-Lang  
Thomas Trebilcock  
John Kiyonaga  
Ignacio Fernandez (not present)  
Jose Aguayo  
Laura Maldonado  
Francisco Adams  
Juan Matos (not present)  
AFPD John Connors (substituted by AFPD Vazquez)  
Eduardo Ferrer-Rios  
Rachel Brill  
Ernesto Hernandez-Milan  
Jorge Vega-Pacheco  
Joseph Boucher  
Jason Gonzalez (substituted by Atty. Oppenheimer)  
Anita Hill (substituted by Atty. Oppenheimer)  
Jose Gaztambide  
Gary Proctor  
Joseph Laws  
Javier Morales  
Mariangela Tirado  
Julio Gonzalez  
Marie Cortes  
Julio Gil-de Lamadrid  
Juan Milanés (excused)

---

**CASE CALLED FOR STATUS CONFERENCE:**

The government informed that by Friday all defendants should be arraigned after the Second Superseding Indictment. The government also stated that defendant #22 was the only one that remained absconded at the moment. The government is in the process of discussing the evidence

with attorneys for the defense and plea negotiations are ongoing. This case has yet to be certified as a death penalty case by the US DOJ.

The Court urged the US DOJ to return a decision on whether or not the case will be certified as a death penalty case.

Ex parte sidebar conference held by Attys. Laura Maldonado and Javier Morales to discuss motion filed at D.E. 414.

The court ordered the attorneys for the death penalty eligible defendants to confer with the First Circuit budget attorney by 7/4/2017.

The court also noted that this case is related to cases #15-640, #15-781 and #16-280.

**Further Status Conference is set for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Old San Juan Courtroom before Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi.**

The Court made a finding that the Speedy Trial remains tolled in the interest of justice which outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendants under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3161(h)(7)(A) until the next conference.

*s/ Sonia Cristina Cardona*

Sonia Cristina Cardona  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk